(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to ensure proper implementation of Panchayati Raj enactment?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Government of Madhya Pradesh have set up Gram Vikas Samitis whereas the Government of Haryana have set up Village Development Committees which seem to be parallel bodies to the Gram Panchayats. The Central Government is in correspondence with the States of Madhya Pradesh and Haryana to sort out his issue.

(c) The provisions of reservation of weaker sections and women in Panchayati Raj Institutions have not been overlooked. However, in pursuance of Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, pending finalisation of Special Leave Petitions (SLPs), Panchayat Elections were held in Bihar without providing reservation for SCs/STs/Women to the offices of Chairpersons at all levels of Panchayats.

(d) The Hon'ble Patna High Court struck down the provision of the Bihar Panchayati Raj Act relating to the reservation provided for SCs, STs and women to the offices of Chairpersons at all the three tiers of Panchayats. The State Government filed SLPs against the Orders of Hon'ble Patna High Court. Hon'ble Supreme Court directed that the matter should be decided by a Constitution Bench. The Central Government has filed applications from time to time before the Hon'ble Apex Court for early hearing of the pending SLPs and setting up of a Constitution Bench. The matter is pending.

Beneficiaries under Annapurna Yojana in Andhra Pradesh

3293. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries in the State of Andhra Pradesh under Annapurna Yojana, district-wise;

(b) the number of senior citizens who are getting National Old Age Pension in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(c) whether it is true that the ministry is thinking of extending the facility to even those senior citizens who are getting National Old Age Pension; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) A Statement is annexed. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Appropriate modifications to the Annapurna Scheme are currently under the consideration of Government.

Statement

District-wise number of beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh under Annapurna Scheme and NOAPS

State: Andhra Pradesh Year: 2000-2001

Sl. No.	Name of the district	No. of beneficiaries covered under Annapurna Scheme	No. of beneficiaries covered under National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS)
1.	Adilabad	4660	16100
2.	Anantapur	3800	25000
3.	Chittoor	4217	20900
4.	Cuddapah	3012	24700
5.	East Godavari	4505	25400
6.	Guntur	4505	23900
7.	Hyderabad	4466	4000
8.	Karim Nagar	4347	20500
9.	Khammam	4394	19320
10.	Krishna	4079	21200
11.	Kurnool	3944	17800
12.	Medak	3976	18670
13.	Mehboob Nagar	4660	23900
14	Nalgonda	4434	16200
15.	Nellore	3417	21551
16.	Nizamabad	3289	15800
17.	Prakasam	4105	25100
18.	Rangareddy	4365	19800
19.	Srikakulam	3101	21760
20.	Visakhapatnam	4265	20500
21.	Viziyanagram	3032	23500
22.	Warangal	4660	18200
23.	West Godavari	3967	22200
	TOTAL:	93200	466001